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BUT FOR ONE DAY,

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reckoning with Man, upon an
high Account-Day.

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Day of Doom.



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*By Woman and an Apple, Mankind fell :
By Womans Son yet all again grows well.*

AD A M, the first Man in the world, was the first that overthrew it. He was the King of all the Earth, & deposed from his Crown, Paradise was his Palace, and from that he was driven : Eden his Garden, & from that he was beaten. The beasts of the Earth, the fishes of the sea, and the birds in the air, were all made to serve him; but he rebelling against God, they rebelled against him. He gave them names, and lost his own. Birds never sung such tunes, as when he first heard them ; but after his fall, they did not sing, but mourn.

A Woman caused all this wo: a Woman was seduced by a serpent, Man by that Woman, and both were serpents to him. Yet for all this, God took pittie of mans weakness; for as the first Adam brought mankind to a barr, so the second Adam brought a reprieve. Adam ruined all, & Christ restored all. The devil should then have seized on the World, but God snatcht it from him, and took it into his own hands.

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sword of Tyrants the sawes, axes and wheels of hang-men have mangled and cut in pieces, shal on this day have every limb put into his right place, every joint and bone set together. For on a white throne one shal sit, from whose face heaven and earth shal fly away, and their place shal no more be found; before him shal stand the dead, both great and smal: the books shal be opened; and one book, which is the book of life, and the dead shal be judged of those things which are written in those books, according to their works. The sea shal give up her dead. Death and Hell theirs: and Death and Hell shal be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death. *Rev. 20 11.*

This day is called the last day, because it is the end of all dayes, the end of the world, the consummation of weeks, moneths and years. No day shal ever again be set down in any Almanack.

It is called the day of anger, or the Lords day; for now he will be avenged of his enemies. The Lords day, because all other dayes have been the days of men, in which they have reviled, rejected, and done what they would themselves, in contempt of God: but on this day, God will have his pleasure in punishing such as have abused his goodness, and rewarding such as have set forth his glory.

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THE SIGNS BEFORE THE DAY.

*When it shal be, none knows, yet it must come,
And these are signs fore-going the day of doom.*

OF that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the Angels that are in heaven, neither the Son himself, save the Father: watch therefore, for it is uncertain whether the Master of the house (being gone into a strange Countrey) will come at even, or at midnight; at the cock crowing, or at the dawning.

Howbeit, certain signs shal go before this day; by which signs (as by the evening men judge of the following morning) we may prognosticat, not only of the nearness of the time, but of the terrors which will accompany it.

S. Matthew saith, Before the coming of this day, there shal be great warrs and troubles in the world. Nation shal rise against Nation, & Kingdom against Kingdom: and there shal be great earthquakes in many places, and pestilence and famine, and terrible things in the air, and other great signs and wonders. S. Luke saith, there shal be false Christs, warrs, seditions, hunger, plagues, famine; Prophets betrayed by their own parents, by their own brethen, friends, and some of them shal be put to death.

These are the trumpets, the pursivants, van-currers, and heralds, which go before, and make way for the Judge to come: then the day of Sessions drawing nearer and nearer, there
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will appear other messengers far more fearful, far more terrible: for thus saith the Lord by Ezechiel; *I will cause the starrs of heaven to be darkned on thee, and I will cover the Sun with a cloud, and the Moon shal not shew forth her light; and I cause all the lights of heaven to mourn, and I send darknes over all the land.*

The coming of the Judge.

THese warnings and these dreadful ambassies being sent before hand, at length the Judge himself approacheth, before whom goes an universal fire, which shal burn and consume to ashes all the glory of the world. This fire shal be to the wicked a beginning of their pain; & to the good, an induction to their glory.

O, saith Malachie, *Who may abide the day of the Lords coming? And who shal endure when he appeareth? for he is like a purging fire, and like fullers soap. The day cometh that shal burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea & all that do wickedly, shal be stubble: and that day that cometh, shal burn them up, and leave them neither root nor branch.*

The Prophet Joel strikes on the same string, and it sounds this horrid musick: *A fire devouteth before him, and behind him a flame burneth up: the earth shal tremble before him, the heavens shal shake, the Sun and Moon be darkned, and the starrs withdraw their shining. The day of the Lord is great and very terrible, and who can abide it?*

The Prophets muster up their forces together

ther, to express the glory and fears that attend upon this general coming into the field: And Zephany for his part, sets down thus much; *That it is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and heaviness, a day of clouds and tempestuous storms, a day of the trumpets and alarms, against the strong cities, and against the high towers.*

When the Prophets have closed up their tunes, listen how an Evangelist sings upon the same note: *As the lightning which cometh out of the East, and shineth into the West, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. The Sun shall be darkened, &c. And then shall all the kindreds of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man come in the clouds with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, and from the one end of the heaven to the other.*

S. Mark, S. Luke, and S. John, bear their parts in the same lesson, all of them concluding, *That except the Lord should shorten these dayes, no flesh should be saved.*

Christ therefore will come in glory like a King, in triumph like a Conqueror, in terror like a Judge, in mildness like a father, in carefulness like a husband, in wonder like a Savior. He is the King of the whole world, all Nations bow at his feet; the Conqueror of death and hell: *Death, where is thy sting? Hell, where is thy victory?* What Judge ever rode
such

but for one Day.

Adams weakness begat sin, sin brought
forth death, and death damnation.

THE LAST DAY.

The Trumpet blows, the Dead arise :

A dreadful Sessions, yet none dyes.

FOr the tryal of Adams treason, a Sessions
will be called, the day dreadful, the Judge
terrible, the Jury severe, the evidence impar-
tial, the Cryer of the Court loud as thunder,
the indictment fearful as lightning, a wret-
ched soul the prisoner; and all the Nations that
ever have been, or now are, the standers by.

O what a day will this be? A day of terror,
and a day of triumph: a day of confusion to
the wicked, a day of comfort to the godly, a
day of rejoycing to the sheep and lambs, a day
of howling to the wolves and goats.

This will be the last day: for no more dayes
shal ever be after: there must never be another
Sun, nor any other Moon, or any more starrs:
all the lights of heaven will be put out, and
yet a greater light be seen then ever mortal
eyes beheld.

The Courts of Kings, the places of Noble-
men, the manors of Lords, the banqueting-
houses of rich men, the full barns of farmers,
the cottages of husband-men, and the stalls
under which beggers ly, will be as one, and
all come to nothing on that day.

All the Kings upon earth, all the Nations under those Kings, & all those slaves that have been trod upon by those Nations, shal be called on this day to an open tryal. Death then shal see an end of his reign: the Grave will then be satisfied: nothing must remain but time, and that time must wait upon eternity.

On that day, the Lord himself shal descend from heaven with a shout, and an Archangel shal come with a great power and majesty, and he shal sound a trumpet, whose sound shal be heard over all the parts of the world; and with his trumpet shal summon all Nations, and all sorts of people to come to the general judgement.

Who shal appeal from this summons? Who shal be able to avoid this Judgement? What heart will not tremble & quake at the terrible sound of this voice? This voice shal take from Death all her spoils, and force her to restore and pay back again whatsoever she hath taken from the world. All that are living shal be changed, all that are dead shal be alive. The Prophets and the Patriarchs, the Apostles and Evangelists, Martyrs and Virgins, shal there stand in white. The Graves shal open and deliver their bodies; those bodies shal resume their own souls and all those souls shal appear together. The sea shal give account of those whom he hath drowned: the fire of those whom his flames have consumed: whom the sword

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All Church-men, that have instead of being faithful shepherds over their flocks, been wolves to devour them. shal hear a *Vae*, a Wo. pronounced against them. Judges that have fatned themselves with bribes. Courtiers that have flown upon the wings of pride, vain-glory, factions, and ambition. Lawyers that have eaten up their clients. Generals of armies. Captains and common souldiers, that have been drunk with blood. Citizens, whose false oaths and deceitful wares, have to buy lands, made away their souls. Farmers, graziers, and countrey-men, who have murmured at plentiful years, and in dear ones have grinded the faces of the poor. And lastly common beggars, who have made idleness their living, whose mouthes have been filled with cursings; with prophaness, with damnable oathes, and with blasphemy. This and all the rest, & thousand others, as bad as these, are sure to be in a wretched estate, when the Judge and their own conscience shal call them to a tryal.

No Justices shal sit on this bench, for bribes, to speak in any prisoners behalf. No Counsellor shal be allowed to plead for any man: no Lords letters can here be received.

They that on earth have sumptuous palaces, and wardrobes full of embroidered garments, who every day are wherried through the streets in thundring coaches drawn with four horses; shoales of foot-men running by, troupes

troups of gallants fluttering before them: trains of attendance galloping after them; these shal at this Sessions stand shivering, naked, dejected, and stript out of all their glories. Those tittles of High and Mighty, Right Honorable, most Heroical, thrice Illustrious, thrice Reverent truly Noble, truly Valorous, Right Worshipful, &c. shal here be laid by, and no tregarded. A cobler and a Cesar, shal at this Barr stand upon equal tearms for life and death, about one and the same offence, ~~and that is sin~~. One Judge must sit upon both, one Jury go upon both, and one and the same Sentence be laid upon them at their condemnation.

What will all the idolatrous Kings and people so often mentioned in the Old Testament, say, when they shal see that true and ever-living God whom they mockt at and blasphemed?

How will the Jews curse their infidelity, hardness of heart, and obstinate blindness, when they shal behold the true Messias, whom they reviled, spit at, buffeted, scourged, and crucified?

How will the Romans cry out upon their Jupiter, and four hundred several Gods, when they see themselves arraigned before an Omnipotent Deity, and not one of their false ones able to help them?

How will Herod, Caiphas, Annas and Pilate look, when they see him sit in judgement
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such a circuit? Both the living and the dead must be arraigned before him. What father can be more pittiful? for as he beats us, he hugs us; he weeps when he punisheth. The Church is his wife how tender is he over her? Yet how often hath she gone astray, and made her face deformed in his sight? But who can stand up in greater wonder then he, that in one hand holds heaven, and earth in the other? What countenance can strike beholders into love, astonishment, or admiration, but this, whose only voice saves, or condemns them?

A Savior! What tittle in the world can be comparable to it? A Savior! A Redeemer! The names of Emperors, Kings, Monarchs, Princes, Potentats, are to those two but shadows and mockeries.

The majestical manner of this Judges coming, is to the life set down by Nahum the Prophet, in this manner: *Our Lord shal come like a tempest and furious whistewinds, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He shal take indignation against the sea, and it shal wax dry; and all the rivers of the earth shal be dried up. The little Basan and Carmelus shal be withered, and the mount Libanus shal fade and fall away. The mountains shal quake before him, and hills shal melt. The earth shal burn in his sight; yea, the world, and all that dwel therein. Who shal stand before the face of his indignation? And who shal abide the fierceness of his fury? His wrath shal be powred out as fire; and the very rocks shal*

shal become dust before him. He shal come to his enemies, as to thorns folden one within another: and as drunkards in their drunkenness, they shal be destroyed as stubble fully dried.

The world at first for sin was drowned, and must at last on this day be burned. A deluge of waters swallowed the one, and the flame of fire must devour the other: not fire alone, but fire and brimstone: not a clear sweet fire, but a black and noysome one. As our sins stink in Gods nostrils, so that fire in which our iniquities are to be tryed, must stink in ours: for all the world shal make but one bone-fire, and in the ashes of that fire, the whole earth must be raked up. The Sun was in *Virgo* when Christ was born; but when he comes at this latter day, in terror to judge the world, the Sun will be in *Leo* (as this Almanack speaks) for the Lyon of Juda will then roar, and be heard, and show his strength: and when as an upright Judge, he weighs the thoughts, words, and actions of men, then the Sun will be in *Libra*; an even, but a terrible heavy ballance, must at that time be held in Christs hand.

This dreadful dissolution of the world, in which must perish the earth, the heavens, Sun, Moon, Starrs, Planets, and all that move in the waters, or over our heads, is drawn in this excellent picture, by the hand of S. John in his Revelation, and in these curious colours: *I saw a mighty angel clothed with a bright cloud: his face*
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was like the Sun, he had a rainbow for a crown on his head, his feet were like pillars of fire, of the which, one he set on the sea, & the other on the land. This angel lifted up his arm towards heaven, and swore by him that liveth everlastingly world without end, that from henceforth there shall be no more time.

The Sessions, the Judge seated, the prisoners at the Barr, their arraignment and Sentence.

*The Judge sits on the bench, good men and bad try'd,
The bad condemn'd, the good are glorifi'd.*

THe Judge being (at this dreadful day of Doom) placed in his seat of Justice, it will be a full Court. a mighty Sessions: never in any Countrey or Kingdom, hath been held so great an Assizes. All the children of Adam must stand before him. All before Noahs time that were overwhelmed in the general flood, and all the Nations of the world that ever have been, or shall be, shall at that day be raised out of their graves, and give an account of their lives, & receive according to their deservings.

The Judge shall sit in majesty & glory; round about him will stand Angels, Archangels, and all the principalities of heaven.

Before him all the souls of men, women and children, as prisoners. All bodies shall rise, but not all after one manner; for the bodies of such as have done well, shall be fair, beautiful, and brightly shining as the Sun; but the bodies
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of those, who in their lifetime upon earth have done ill. shal appear ugly, black, horrid ill favored, and filthy to behold, in as fearful shapes as devils.

The guilty shal tremble at the sight of the Judge, the godly shal rejoyce. Will you see how the Judge himself will appear how apparelled, and what countenance he will carry. See then what Daniel saith, thus doth he describe him: I stood (quoth he) attentively, and I saw certain seats set in their places, and the Ancient of years sate down, whose garments were white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool. The throne whereon he sate, was like flames of fire, and the wheels thereof like burning fire; and a river of raging fire issue and came forth from before him. Thousand thousands were attendant to serve him, and ten hundred thousand thousands stood waiting before him. I beheld all this in the vision of the night: and I saw one coming in the clouds, who seemed to be the Son of man.

This Son of man must be our Judge: before him must be this arraignment. Before his throne (so built up by Daniel) must all be set: then the books must be opened.

At the opening of these books, those Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Rulers of Nations, that have been Tyrants, and not governed uprightly, nor cared for the lives of their subjects, but made warrs more for ambition or revēge, then in any quarrel for heaven. All these will wish that their Kingdom might fall upon them, and hide them from the face of him who affrights them.

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upon them, who was by them basely betrayed, sold, baffled, tormented, condemned?

Traitor Judas, what hell wilt thou desperately again cast thy self into, to see thy Lord and Master sit in glory, whom thou with a kiss, betrayedst to a bloody Cross to an ignominious barbarous and cruel execution?

How will the Turks, and all their Grand Signiors curse their creation, and rail on Mahomet their deluding Prophet, when before their eyes sits the Father of all the holy Prophets whom they on earth have laughed at, and hated all Christians, because they had their names from Christ?

Nay, how will those Christians hang the head, and cry, Wo worth the wombs that bare them, and to the paps that gave them suck, sith they have gone astray out of Gods fold, lived licenciously, spent their days in drunkenness, in whoring, in all sort of varied sins, and have danced hand in hand with satan? What will they say? Is this he whose body was nailed, hands and feet bored, side pierced, whose mouth had vinegar and gall offered to it, with a thousand tortures, disgraces, and dishonors, only for us, to save us, to pay our debts, and yet how did we every hour again and again crucifie him? Is this he, in whose Name (for JESUS CHRIST his sake) when but one poor farthing hath been begged, we have denyed to give it, though our pockets jingled
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both with gold and silver? Is this he who when we have sate at our tables, surfeiting in wines and gluttonous chear have denyed our scraps and our broken beer to? These, who on their knees have asked it for the tender mercy of our Lord JESUS? O wretched miserable forlorn and forgetful caitifs that we are.

What will remain after this and the like expostulations, but beating of breasts, tearing of hair, cursing their creation, then howlings, shrieks, terrors, fear of tormēts before their faces, & an assurance of everlasting tortures which are to follow, but only this, the Sentence, Doom, or Judgement, from the Judges mouth; and that is done in two words only (*Ite, Venite*) *Go*, and *Come*. *Go you cursed*, to those who have done ill. *Come you blessed*, to those who have done well. *Go, you cursed, into the everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Come, you blessed, and dwell with me in heaven for ever.*

Take heed therefore, O thou Christian, and beware that this Great Day of the Lord come not upon thee unawares. And therefore watch and pray at all times, that thou mayst be ready when he calleth to Judgement, to be one of those to whom he shal say, *Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world.*

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